

CLAIMS

1. A medical instrument comprising:
 - a first part and a second part which are connected together by a connecting device;
 - wherein the second part abuts on the first part; and
 - a cover element which is connected to the first part and is disposed on the second part in such a manner that relative movement of the second part away from the first part is blocked by the cover element.
2. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a portion of the surface of the second part abuts on an associated portion of the surface of the first part.
3. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a portion of the surface of the cover element abuts on an associated portion of the surface of the second part.
4. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein one part out of the first part and second part is provided with a spigot and the other part is provided with a spigot recess for accommodating the spigot.
5. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the cover element is positioned on the spigot.
6. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the cover element is adapted to be placed on the spigot in the manner of a snap-action closure.

7. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the spigot is provided with one or more longitudinal slots in order to form a seating for the cover element in the manner of a snap-action closure.
8. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the cover element has a larger transverse dimension than the spigot at least in the region of a contact surface on the second part.
9. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 8, wherein a contact surface for the cover element on the second part is arranged at the spigot recess.
10. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the spigot is arranged on the first part and the spigot recess is arranged in the second part.
11. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the first part comprises a seating in which the second part is adapted, at least in part, to be placed on the first part.
12. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the cover element blocks withdrawal of the second part from the seating.
13. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second part is moveable relative to the first part in a seating.
14. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 13, having a guiding for the second part on the first part.

15. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein one part out of the first part and second part comprises at least one spigot and the other part comprises at least one spigot seating for guiding or holding the other part on said one part.
 16. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the two parts are moveable relative to one another via the connecting device.
 17. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 16, wherein the two parts are connected together in rotatable manner.
 18. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first part and the second part are made substantially from a synthetic material.
 19. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cover element is seated on the first part in one piece manner.
 20. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cover element is seated on the first part in pivotal manner for the purposes of disposing it on the second part.
 21. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cover element is seated on the first part by means of a film hinge.
 22. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cover element is fixable to the first part.
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23. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 22, wherein the cover element is fixable to the first part in such a manner as to block it from moving away therefrom.

24. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 22, wherein the cover element is fixable to the first part by means of a latching connection.
25. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cover element comprises a coupling element and the first part comprises a corresponding coupling element which are matched to one another in such a manner that, in the case of a fixed cover element, a transverse movement of the cover element relative to the first part taken with reference to the direction in which it was applied is blocked by the co-operation between the coupling elements.
26. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 25, wherein the coupling elements co-operate in the form of a seating and a corresponding element which enters into the seating.
27. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein, for the purposes of applying the cover element to the second part prior to being fixed to the first part, the cover element is moveable relative to the first part.
28. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 27, wherein the cover element is a separate part.
29. A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 27, wherein the cover element is a part which is partially connected to the first part and is adapted to be fully fixed to the first part after being applied to the second part.